

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL**STATE BOARD MEETING DATE** March 28, 2011**SUBJECT:** Standard Setting for AIMS HS Writing and AIMS 5-7 Writing**SUBMITTED BY:** Roberta Alley, Interim Associate Superintendent for Standards and Assessment**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:**
March 10, 2011**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- AIMS 5-7 and AIMS HS Writing, administered Spring 2011, are new assessments which assess the Arizona Writing Standard, Strand 2 that was adopted June 2004. The new test blueprint includes multiple choice items along with the writing prompt. With a new assessment, there is a need to develop new achievement levels (cut scores) for each grade level assessment. These achievement levels will be developed in a Standard Setting Process.

PROCEDURES:

- AIMS Writing Blueprint was changed to include multiple choice items.
- AIMS Writing Rubric to evaluate the writing prompt was changed from an analytic to a holistic model.
- AIMS Writing aligned to the Arizona Writing Standard 2004 was administered to Grades 5-7 and high school in Spring 2011.
- Standard Setting for AIMS HS will be held April 21-22, 2011 and AIMS 5-7 will be held June 9-10, 2011.
- The committees have a membership of 15 participants for the high school and 45 participants for 5-7. The participants represent educators, parents, and community members.
- The committees of panelists will make cut score recommendations for each grade level assessment and the revised Performance Level Descriptors that will presented to the State Board.
- The State Board reviews and approves the recommendations of the committees.

REVIEW OF STANDARD SETTING PROCEDURE AND ADOPTION OF ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS:

Dr. Steve Fitzpatrick from Pearson will present an overview of the Standard Setting Process that is a nationally recognized method of establishing achievement levels and present the recommended achievement levels for AIMS Writing for Grades 5-7 and high school.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: ☒ INFORMATION ☐ ACTION/DESCRIBED BELOW:**ATTACHMENTS:** YES ☒ NO ☐

Rubric
Blueprint
PowerPoint